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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Connie D. Myers  
Application No. : 09/575,249  
Filed : May 19, 2000  
For : MULTI-VENDOR TRANSACTIONS BASED ON NEAR-  
IMMEDIATE REBATE DETECTION

Examiner : Jean D. Janvier  
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Docket No. : 680047.404  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on August 27, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.